

**MINUTES  
VERNON CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY NOVEMBER 15, 2022  
COUNCIL CHAMBER, 4305 SANTA FE AVENUE**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Lopez called the meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

**FLAG SALUTE**

Mayor Lopez led the Flag Salute.

**ROLL CALL**

**PRESENT:**

Leticia Lopez, Mayor  
Crystal Larios, Mayor Pro Tem  
William Davis, Council Member (via remote access)  
Judith Merlo, Council Member  
Melissa Ybarra, Council Member

**STAFF PRESENT:**

Carlos Fandino, City Administrator (via remote access)  
Zaynah Moussa, City Attorney  
Lisa Pope, City Clerk  
Scott Williams, Finance Director  
Fredrick Agyin, Health and Environmental Control Director  
Michael Earl, Human Resources Director (via remote access)  
Robert Sousa, Police Chief  
Dan Wall, Public Works Director  
Todd Dusenberry, Acting Public Utilities General Manager

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

**MOTION**

Council Member Ybarra moved and Mayor Pro Tem Larios seconded a motion to approve the agenda. The question was called and the motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

None.

**PRESENTATIONS**

**1. Vernon Police Department Lifesaving Award**

Recommendation: No action required by City Council. This is a presentation only.

Police Chief Sousa presented the staff report.

**2. Employee Service Pin Awards for October 2022**

Recommendation: No action required by City Council. This is a presentation only.

Human Resources Director Earl presented the staff report.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**MOTION**

Council Member Ybarra moved and Council Member Merlo seconded a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. The question was called and the motion carried unanimously.

The Consent Calendar consisted of the following items:

**3. Approval of Minutes**

Recommendation: Approve the November 1, 2022 Regular and November 1, 2022 Joint Special City Council meeting minutes.

**4. Claims Against the City**

Recommendation: Receive and file claim submitted by LA Century Law, on behalf of Alan Barahona, in the amount of \$1,000,000.

**5. City Payroll Warrant Register**

Recommendation: Approve City Payroll Warrant Register No. 797, for the period of October 1 through October 31, 2022, totaling \$2,728,698.26 and consisting of ratification of direct deposits, checks and taxes totaling \$1,818,894.72 and ratification of checks and electronic fund transfers (EFT) for payroll related disbursements totaling \$909,803.54 paid through operating bank account.

**6. Operating Account Warrant Register**

Recommendation: Approve Operating Account Warrant Register No. 98, for the period of October 16 through October 29, 2022, totaling \$12,645,346.37 and consisting of ratification of electronic payments totaling \$12,149,646.03 and ratification of the issuance of early checks totaling \$495,700.34.

**7. Fire Department Activity Report**

Recommendation: Receive and file the September 2022 Fire Department Activity Report.

**8. Police Department Activity Report**

Recommendation: Receive and file the September 2022 Police Department Activity Report.

**9. Amendment No. 1 to Services Agreement with Allied Universal Janitorial Services, Contract No. CS-1414**

Recommendation: Approve and authorize the City Administrator to execute Amendment No. 1 to the Services Agreement with Universal Building Maintenance, LLC, dba Allied Universal Janitorial Services, in substantially the same form as submitted, for a one (1) year term in an amount not-to-exceed \$134,008.44.

**10. Amendment No. 1 to Services Agreement with Mariposa Landscape, Inc., Contract No. CS-1413**

Recommendation: Approve and authorize the City Administrator to execute Amendment No. 1 to the Services Agreement with Mariposa Landscape, Inc., in

substantially the same form as submitted, for a one (1) year term in an amount not-to-exceed \$56,508.

**11. Quitclaim Deed with Comstock Realty Partners X LLC**

Recommendation: Approve and authorize the Mayor to execute the Quitclaim Deed with Comstock Realty Partners X, LLC, for the termination of easement.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**12. April 11, 2023 General Municipal Election**

City Clerk Pope presented the staff report.

**MOTION**

Council Member Ybarra moved and Mayor Pro Tem Larios seconded a motion to: A. Adopt Resolution No. 2022-41 rescinding Resolution Nos. 2022-38 and 2022-39 related to the April 11, 2023 General Municipal Election; B. Adopt Resolution No. 2022-42 calling and giving notice of an all-mail ballot General Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, April 11, 2023, for the election of a City Council Member as required by the provisions of the Charter and submitting a ballot measure to the voters to amend Municipal Code Section 3.20.020 extending the Public Safety Special Parcel Tax; C. Selected the Mayor and Mayor Pro Tem as the authors of arguments and rebuttals; D. Direct the City Clerk to transmit a copy of the measure to the City Attorney for preparation of the impartial analysis; and E. Adopt Resolution No. 2022-43 requesting the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles to render specified services to the City relating to the conduct of a General Municipal Election to be held on Tuesday, April 11, 2023. The question was called and the motion carried unanimously.

**13. Energy Risk Management Policy**

Acting Public Utilities General Manager Dusenberry presented the staff report.

**MOTION**

Council Member Ybarra moved and Mayor Pro Tem Larios seconded a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2022-40 approving and adopting an energy risk management policy and repealing Resolution No. 2012-45. The question was called and the motion carried unanimously.

**ORAL REPORTS**

**City Administrator Reports on Activities and other Announcements.**

City Administrator Fandino announced the Fall Harvest event; Vernon CommUNITY Fund Grant Committee meeting on November 16; and Vernon Corporate Citizen of the Year Awards on November 17, 2022. He and Chief Sousa acknowledged the 109<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of Vernon Deputy Marshal Maurice W. Halloran, the City of Vernon's first "in the line of duty" death.

**City Council Reports on Activities (including AB 1234), Announcements, or Directives to Staff.**

None.

**RECESS**

Mayor Lopez recessed the meeting to Closed Session at 9:19 a.m.

**CLOSED SESSION**

**14. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING LITIGATION (4)**

Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1)

Anthony Encinas v. City of Vernon  
Workers Compensation Appeals Board Case Nos. ADJ12647952 and  
ADJ12634815

Carlos Gudino v. City of Vernon  
Workers Compensation Appeals Board Claim No. 22001577

Jerry Chavez v. City of Vernon  
Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC719460

Douglas Castellanos, Julian Holloman v. City of Vernon, et al. Los Angeles  
Superior Court Case No. 21STCV05456

**RECONVENE**

At 10:18 a.m., Mayor Lopez adjourned Closed Session and reconvened the regular meeting.

**CLOSED SESSION REPORT**

City Attorney Moussa reported the Council met in Closed Session, discussed the items on the agenda, and took the following reportable actions:

Unanimously ratified settlement approval in Encinas v. City of Vernon, WCAB Case Numbers ADJ12647925 and ADJ 12634815, and

Unanimously approved Amendment No. 4 to the legal services agreement with Stream Kim Hicks Wrage & Alfaro, PC, in Chavez v. City of Vernon, Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. BC719460.

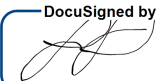
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**ADJOURNMENT**

Mayor Lopez adjourned the meeting at 10:19 a.m.

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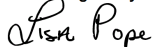


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LETICIA LOPEZ, Mayor

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LISA POPE, City Clerk  
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